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1. In the fall of 1952, the Filmfabrik Agfa of SAG Fotoplenka in Wolfen contacted the Swiss firm of Schweizer & Co² for the supply of anhydride of acetic acid as well as iron and steel products against films which would mainly be delivered to Italy, the intermediaries being Agfa-Milano for amateur films and Kineskolux in Rome for cinema films. Also scheduled to be delivered against first quality high-grade steels were Agfacolor type cinema films which had only been sold for currency. The Schweizer & Co firm also sold Italian made photogelatine and offered acetyl cellulose to be delivered from France and Italy. The Filmfabrik requested an acetyl cellulose containing 56 percent of acetic acid or acetobutanol.

2. In the fall of 1952, a contract for the delivery of 10,000 square meters of glass for photographic plates was concluded with Czechoslovakia.
3. In October 1952, the Filmfabrik Agfa stopped accepting deliveries of sulphuric acid from Rumania, as this acid was not suitable for the plant because of large impurities and a high content of arsenic.
4. In the fall of 1952, Filmfabrik Agfa entered into a contract with the Rigma² firm in Milano through DIA on the delivery of two centrifugals by Rigma to the celluloid plant in Eilenburg against 10 tons of celloxylin, 15 tons of butanol, and 41,850 running meters of 35-mm film at a total value of \$ 15,715, to be delivered by the Filmfabrik Agfa.
5. A shipment of 998.5 kg of potassium iodide delivered from the USSR in the fall of 1952 brought complaints, as 149 bottles of a total of 665 bottles were broken because of insufficient packing and because the salt in 78 bottles had a yellow tint and was found unsuitable.

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2. Comment: Not further identified by source.

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